

March 29, 1988

TO: File

FROM: Frank Filas, Reclamation Engineer

RE: Site Inspection, SNO-Ben Claims, DOE/047/029, and Dyno Mine  
- DOE/047/003, Uintah County, Utah

On March 25, 1988 I inspected the above referenced placer sites which are located in the NW quarter of section 6. The Sno-Ben operation consists of a gravity separation system, several lined ponds, and a small area excavated for gravel. Total surface disturbance is approximately two acres.

The Dyno site is just to the north of the Sno-Ben placer. This is an old disturbance (judging by vegetative cover) of approximately two acres. It is recommended that the Dyno Mine file be retired.

I spoke with Jim Piani and Pete Sokolosky of the BLM Book Cliffs Resource area concerning the Sno-Ben site. The BLM does not have any major problems with the Sno-Ben 1,2, & 3 site. They do, however, have major problems with the operator concerning a second site. This site is located nearby on the Sno-Ben No. 4 & 5 claims. The area being claimed was originally withdrawn as a wilderness area. It was later dropped from the wilderness area, but is now under a court injunction. Mr. Piani says that the operator, Leo Snow, has no legal right to stake claims and mine in this area. The BLM asked Leo Snow to reclaim this second site in the fall of 1987. This request has not been complied with to date.

The operator has not filed a notice with the Division for the Sno-Ben No. 4 & 5. I told Jim and Pete that we would be happy to lend assistance in the matter if needed.

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